

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act.

Senate passed the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act.

The House passed H.R. 7, Community Solutions Act.

The House failed to pass H.J. Res. 50, disapproving Normal Trade Relations with China.

House Committees ordered reported the Energy Advancement and Conservation Act of 2001; and the Veterans Benefits Act of 2001.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7893–S7986

Measures Introduced: Thirteen bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1197–1209, and S. Res. 137. **Pages S7955–56**

Measures Reported:

S. Res. 16, designating August 16, 2001, as “National Airborne Day”.

S. Con. Res. 16, expressing the sense of Congress that the George Washington letter to Touro Synagogue in Newport, Rhode Island, which is on display at the B’nai B’rith Klutznick National Jewish Museum in Washington, D.C., is one of the most significant early statements buttressing the nascent American constitutional guarantee of religious freedom. **Page S7955**

Measures Passed:

Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act: By 97 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. 240), Senate passed H.R. 2311, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S7895–S7905**

Adopted:

Reid/Domenici Amendment No. 1024, to make certain revisions and improvements to the bill. **Pages S7895–96**

Subsequently, the amendment was modified. **Page S7897**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 76 yeas to 23 nays (Vote No. 239), Senate agreed to a motion to instruct the Sergeant at Arms to request the attendance of absent Senators. **Pages S7896–97**

Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Reid, Byrd, Hollings, Murray, Dorgan, Feinstein, Harkin, Inouye, Domenici, Cochran, McConnell, Bennett, Burns, Craig, and Stevens. **Page S7905**

Legislative Branch Appropriations Act: By 88 yeas to 9 nays (Vote No. 241), Senate passed S. 1172, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S7934–37**

Adopted:

Specter Amendment No. 1027, to provide additional funding for Members of the Senate which may be used by a Member for mailings to provide notice of town meetings. **Page S7936**

Durbin/Bennett Amendment No. 1026, to authorize the Architect of the Capitol to secure certain property, to fund a technology assessment pilot project. **Pages S7936–37**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that when the Senate receives the House companion measure, the text of the bill be stricken and the text of the Senate bill be inserted in lieu thereof, provided that if the House inserts matters relating to the Senate in areas under the heading of “House of Representatives” then that text also be stricken, and that the House bill be read a third time and

passed and the motion to reconsider be laid on the table. Further, that S. 1172 remain at the desk and that once the Senate acts on the House bill, passage of the Senate bill be vitiated and it be returned to the calendar.

Legal Counsel Representation: Senate agreed to S. Res. 137, to authorize representation by the Senate Legal Counsel in *John Hoffman, et al. v. James Jeffords*

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Famine Relief: Senate passed S. 180, to facilitate famine relief efforts and a comprehensive solution to the war in Sudan, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Department of Transportation Appropriations Act: Committee on Appropriations was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2299, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and the Senate then began consideration of the bill, taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Pending:

Murray/Shelby Amendment No. 1025, in the nature of a substitute.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill on Friday, July 20, 2001.

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Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of the nominations of Roger L. Gregory, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, and Sam E. Haddon and Richard F. Cebull, each to be a United States District Judge for the District of Montana, at 9:15 a.m., on Friday, July 20, 2001, with votes to occur thereon beginning at approximately 9:45 a.m.; and that upon disposition of these nomination the Senate consider and confirm Executive Calendar numbers 247 and 249.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 61 yeas 37 nays (Vote No. EX. 242), John D. Graham, of Massachusetts, to be Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget.

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By 97 yeas 2 nays (Vote No. EX. 243), Roger Walton Ferguson, Jr., of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for a term of fourteen years from February 1, 2000. (Reappointment)

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Kevin Keane, of Wisconsin, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Susan Morrissey Livingstone, of Montana, to be Under Secretary of the Navy.

William Henry Lash III, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

Allan Rutter, of Texas, to be Administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration.

Brian Carlton Roseboro, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Allen Frederick Johnson, of Iowa, to be Chief Agricultural Negotiator, Office of the United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador.

Mark B. McClellan, of California, to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers.

Sheila C. Bair, of Kansas, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Alberto Jose Mora, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Navy.

Stephen A. Cambone, of Virginia, to be Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Policy.

Samuel W. Bodman, of Massachusetts, to be Deputy Secretary of Commerce.

Prior to this action, the following nominations were discharged from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions:

Laurie Rich, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary for Intergovernmental and Interagency Affairs, Department of Education.

Robert Pasternack, of New Mexico, to be Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education.

Joanne M. Wilson, of Louisiana, to be Commissioner of the Rehabilitation Services Administration, Department of Education.

Carol D'Amico, of Indiana, to be Assistant Secretary for Vocational and Adult Education, Department of Education.

Cari M. Dominguez, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for a term expiring July 1, 2006. (Reappointment)

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Linton F. Brooks, of Virginia, to be Deputy Administrator for Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation, National Nuclear Security Administration. (New Position)

Ronald E. Neumann, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the State of Bahrain.

Nancy Goodman Brinker, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Hungary.

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Quorum Calls: One quorum call was taken today. (Total—2)	
Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—243) Pages S7897, S7905, S7937, S7938, S7939	
Adjournment: Senate met at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 10:38 p.m., until 9:15 a.m., on Friday, July 20, 2001. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7986.)	

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FEDERAL FARM BILL

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded hearings to elicit suggestions for the nutrition title of the proposed federal farm bill and to examine the reauthorization of the Food Stamp Program, focusing on improvement through streamlined applications, stable benefit levels, transitional assistance, simplified eligibility, and employment and training for economic self sufficiency, after receiving testimony from Eric M. Bost, Under Secretary of Agriculture for Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services; Kevin W. Concannon, Maine Department of Human Services, Augusta; Robert Greenstein, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, and Ron Haskins, Brookings Institution, both of Washington, D.C.; Karen Ford, Food Bank of Iowa, Des Moines; Dean M. Leavitt, U.S. Wireless Data, Inc., New York, New York; Deborah A. Frank, Boston Medical Center Grow Clinic for Children and Children's Sentinel Nutrition Assessment Program, Boston, Massachusetts; Cutberto Garza, Cornell University Division of Nutritional Sciences, Ithaca, New York; and Celine Dieppa, Manchester, Connecticut.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

An original bill, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002; and

An original bill, making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies approved for full committee consideration an original bill, making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002.

BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2002 for the Department of Defense and the Future Years Defense Program, focusing on ballistic missile defense policies and programs, after receiving testimony from Samuel R. Berger, Stonebridge International, former Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs, Philip E. Coyle, Center for Defense Information, former Assistant Secretary of Defense and Director, Operational Test and Evaluation, Department of Defense, and Richard N. Perle, American Enterprise Institute, former Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Policy, all of Washington, D.C.

AUTHORIZATION—ARMY MODERNIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Airland concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2002 for the Department of Defense and the Future Years Defense Program, focusing on Army modernization and transformation, after receiving testimony from Lt. Gen. Paul J. Kern, USA, Military Deputy, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology; and Maj. Gen. William L. Bond, USA, Director, Force Development, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Programs.

NOMINATION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Harvey Pitt, of North Carolina, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Schumer, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.